**Granite State PNHP**

**Agenda/Minutes, November 28, 2018**

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from October 24, 2018
3. Legislative Affairs
   1. Impact of Democratic majorities
   2. Preparing for the 2019 Legislative season
      1. Letter to legislators
      2. Who can be our “prime” sponsor?
   3. Meet with Chris Pappas before he goes to Washington – Tom Clairmont
4. Report from PNHP Annual meeting: Ken and Tom Clairmont
5. Speakers Bureau
   1. Reports of recent events
      1. Hancock Library – Ahmed
      2. DHMC/Upper Valley “Mandelas”
   2. Upcoming
6. Membership – how can we be more relevant
   1. Inviting speakers – Deb Richter in Mahy
7. Students
   1. Med Student Intern program for 2019 – Ken
   2. Tarun Jella (Dartmouth MPH student) – Assessing NH data for ppt
8. Treasurer's Report
9. New Business
10. Next meeting December 26, 2018

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**Attending**:

Maggie Andersen, Concord - maggieandersen@comcast.net

Ken Dolkart

Jim Fieseher

Tarun Jella, Medical Student

Rob Kiefner

Don Kollisch

Ahmed Kutty

1. Introductions
   1. Maggie heard about us from the Concord Patch
2. Minutes: no corrections
   1. *Ken: I will assure administrative rights on our Facebook page for the Steering Committee*
3. Legislative Affairs
   1. Ahmed:
      1. Dick McNamara was not re-elected, and is in the running to be a Sargeant-at-Arms
   2. Jim: have hand-outs for people who attend talks
      1. Names/contacts of 424 legislators
      2. Draft scripts/letters/e-mails that participants can readily contact their Rep/Senator
   3. Ken: it may work to have the individual look up the contact information.
   4. Don: who should be the primary sponsor
      1. Don: Martha Hennessey in the Senate
         1. *Ahmed: I can reach out to Tom Sherman to let him know*
         2. Ahmed: my senator Jeanne Dietsch can be a co-sponsor
      2. *Don: I will ask Jerry Knirk and Martha Hennessey to be the primary sponsors*
   5. Ken: let’s invite “our” sponsors to a meeting with PNHP, including Gary Woods, Tom Sherman, Martha Hennessey, Jerry Knirk
   6. Ken: would the Medical Society endorse a Study Commission?
   7. Don: Peter Schmidt might be willing to not submit his “bridge” bill, but still feels strongly that a straight-up Single-Payer Bill should be submitted
      1. *Don: I will speak with Rep. Schmidt*. Do we want to have a meeting with him?
   8. Don: shall we meet with Chris Pappas, as suggested by Tom Clairmont
      1. *Ken: I can work with Tom Clairmont to set up and run a meeting with Rep Pappas or his staffers*
      2. *Don: I will formally charge Ken and Tom to set it up*
4. Ken: PNHP Annual Meeting report
   1. Lots of energy, Lots of young people
   2. NY State may pass its bill in Senate as well as Assembly
   3. Ken: I will pass out some useful hand-outs
5. Speakers Bureau
   1. Ahmed: Hancock Library went well. 10-12 “gung-ho” supporters attended, including some people who’ve lived in Single-Payer countries
   2. Ahmed: Manchester Library – not promoted and no one showed up
   3. Don: Ken and I spoke with the Upper Valley “Mandela Elders” group. They want to publish a statement that the US Health Care system is not moral. Don and Pat working on the text
   4. FUTURE opportunities
      1. Ahmed: Nashua, Bedford, Amherst are interested
      2. Ken: I will do Nashua and Amherst
      3. Ahmed: OLLI has opportunities for a class
      4. Tom will speak soon with the Portsmouth Rotary
6. Don: Deb Richter will agree to come to our meeting in May
7. Students
   1. Ken: Summer intern program is in process
   2. Tarun: I would like to work with GS-PNHP this spring
      1. Develop data for NH cost/quality/access that can be a part of our powerpoint presentations
      2. Spending as a percentage family income, bankruptcy, business competitiveness
      3. Don: I will connect him with the NH Business Review staff
      4. Ahmed: bankruptcy, preventable deaths, insured/underinsured before/after the ACA
      5. Jim: changes as a result of the ACA
      6. Rob: I work with Granite Advantage regarding Medicaid expansion.
8. Treasurer’s Report: $883.82
9. New Business
   1. Rob: ACA enrollment ends in 2 weeks, and there are no navigators
      1. I will hand-out flyers to be posted
   2. Jim: I have an idea and need some help with the finances.
      1. Business taxes are 2.1% and health care is either 7% or 12-15%
      2. Ken: PNHP may know
10. Next meeting: December 26, 2018